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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4217th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

12 noon	4218th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
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3.30 p.m.	4219th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1443rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2001 PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 57th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/350 and Add.1) [30]

2. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [44]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/387)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.28)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: draft resolution (A/55/L.6/Rev.1) [180]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1)

General debate

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16)

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85] (A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21)

THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 54th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 55th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69 and L.70

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.27/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.41, L.47/Rev.1, L.48/Rev.1, L.52 and L.56/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2, L.51/Rev.1, L.62/Rev.1 and L.64

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/55/L.61

6. Closure of the work of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/C.5/55/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly [171]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.13

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Action on the draft decision A/C.6/55/L.10

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 and Corr.1

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations

2. Draft report

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 10 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals, as follows

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.8 (item 94 (d)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m..

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 10 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 10 November 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 100 and 173)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 94 (d))

3.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 97, 92 (c) and 93 (b))

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 10 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 10 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 13 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 58th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, Russian and Spanish only))

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Briefings by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, followed by informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Briefings by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Co-ordinator, and Ms. Diana Russler, Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, on the security and safety of humanitarian personnel, followed by informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Educa-

tion of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet from 14 to 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Tuesday, 14 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (10th meeting), to hear the following sanctions experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London); Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st and 52nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 51st and 52nd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/220).

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

56th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/172 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.7)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Myanmar, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mexico and Viet Nam.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.7.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Malaysia, Angola, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Iraq, Zambia, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, China and Zimbabwe.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United States.

By 167 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.7 (resolution 55/20).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and Bolivia and Chile), Norway, Japan, Canada and Australia.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Committee continued its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Slovakia, Australia, the United States, Nigeria, India, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Botswana, Brazil, Uruguay, Kenya, El Salvador, Chile and the Republic of Korea.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on agenda item 86 and heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Mongolia, Israel, Jamaica, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Cyprus, Poland, Thailand, Canada, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Nepal, Ethiopia, Haiti, Rwanda and Algeria.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Training and research [97]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the United Nations Staff College.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Haiti (on behalf of CARICOM countries), Pakistan, Lesotho (on behalf of SADC countries), Jordan, the Republic of Korea and Bulgaria, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hungary, Honduras, iRAN (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, the Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under item 97 was Friday, 10 November, at 6 p.m..

Additional sponsors

Additional sponsors were announced to draft proposals as follows: A/C.2/55/L.4: Argentina; A/C.2/55/L.11: United States of America; and A/C.2/55/L.16: Brazil.

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/220.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Results-based budgeting

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/456 and Add.1-5).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/543).

Inspector Andrzej Abraszewski of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of that Unit (A/54/287).

The comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit were contained in document A/54/287/Add.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Norway, New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand and also on behalf of Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu), Japan and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes. Sofia, 31 October 1988

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes. Geneva, 18 November 1991

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions. Oslo, 14 June 1994

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Convention on Biological Diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Ratification: Liberia (8 November 2000)*

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN). Geneva, 25 May 2000

Signature: France (23 October 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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